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To: United States Department of Agriculture

To Whom It may Concern:

Please add my voice to that of other citizens and consumers concerned about the 'watering-down' of existing national standards for organic consumables. Do not:

- Lower pre-existing organic standards
- Allow individual factory-style farming
- Supress the free speech of the growing organic community by making it illegal to set standards higher than the USDA's

I am also concerned that any loosening of current standards will result in legal loopholes allowing for the use of synthetic additives, ihumane factory-farming, the use of inorganic feed and other toxic ingredients, and/or genetically-engineered input. The public outcry and consumer rebellion against any of these scenarios is already alive and growing. I respectfully advise the USDA adhere to the increasingly audible hue and cry. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Jerome Szymczak

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